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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF	:	
THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	Administrative Action
APRIL DOE, P.T.A.	:	
LICENSE NO. 40QB00228800	:	FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon information that the respondent has failed to complete a total of thirty (30) credits of continuing education in approved physical therapy courses during the period of February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2012, as required for the 2012-2014 biennial license renewal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. Based upon information received and which the Board has reviewed, the following preliminary findings are made.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On January 22, 2012 the respondent submitted her completed application for renewal of license as a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey.

3. On her application, the respondent responded "no" to the question of "Will you have completed the required continuing education (CE) by January 31st, 2012?"

4. Respondent provided the Board with 8 CE credits taken during the time period of February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2012.

5. On or about May 18th, 2012 Respondent sent a letter to the Board explaining that she was unable to complete the CE requirements because she became sick shortly after giving birth to her second child.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondent has not satisfied the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. with regard to the completion of the appropriate number of approved continuing education credit hours and is therefore subject to sanctions pursuant

to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), failure to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, which constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of any certificate, registration or license, and grounds for sanction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending respondent's license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey was entered on February 7, 2013 and a copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the state Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the Provisional Order was served, no response has been received to date. Accordingly the Board considered the matter, determined that further proceedings were not necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final.

THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 25th DAY OF November, 2014

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10, N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) as evidenced by respondent's failure to satisfy the continuing education requirements. Payment is to be remitted by means of a certified check or money order, payable to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Such payment is to be sent to the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, attention Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Post Office Box 45014, Newark, New Jersey 07101, no later than ten (10) days from the date that the within Order is finalized.

2. Respondent must submit proof of having completed the requisite thirty (30) hours of continuing education credits within 60 days of the date of the receipt of the Final Order. Thus the 22 outstanding credits are to be obtained no later than 60 days from the filing date of the same order. These continuing education credits are NOT to be used to renew respondent's license for the 2014-2016 renewal period.

3. In the event that respondent fails to present the proofs as required by paragraph #2, by the date provided, the license of respondent shall be suspended, by operation of the Final Order, and

shall remain suspended until respondent submits proof that she has fully complied with all continuing education requirements.

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